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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

GREENFIELD, N. H.,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 1, 1880.

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SCHOOL REPORT.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Prudential Committee, John R. Russell.

Spring and Fall Terms taught by Miss Lizzie M. Cummings. She brought to the work the same decision of character and enthusiasm as an instructor which raised the standard of discipline and advanced the school in its rank as to scholarship during the preceding year. In all branches of study very fair progress was made. Recitations in history and in an advanced class in geography deserve special commendation.

Winter Term taught by Miss Mary Campbell. A teacher of extensive experience and rare tact as a disciplinarian, she proves to be the right teacher in the right place. The school is now in session, but a very recent visit confirms the favorable impressions received at the first visit. The authority exercised is of the peculiar and rare kind which wins every pupil to do their best. The classes are advancing as rapidly as is consistent with the thoroughness which is required in every lesson.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Prudential Committee, George P. Holt.

Summer Term taught by Miss Rosa F. Colburn, a young teacher of sufficient experience to prove decided ability to govern and to teach. The school at the opening of the term was without any fixed habits of study, and the standard of discipline was very low. Miss Colburn applied herself to the correction of the existing evils, and succeeded in securing the co-operation of most of her pupils, and interesting them in their studies—oral instruction being pleasantly interspersed with the regular lessons—so that the closing examination gave evidence of very great improvement in the condition of the school.

Winter Term taught by Miss S. E. McLane. She is too well known in this and other towns in this vicinity as a strict disciplinarian, an earnest and thorough instructor, to need any other commendation from me than to speak of the school as it is. With a single exception, and the loss of one pupil from the school, authority on the part of the teacher was firmly maintained and obedience on the part of the pupils cheerfully rendered. Progress in the various studies generally satisfactory.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Prudential Committee, Frank Brooks.

Spring Term taught by Miss Lucie S. Stiles. Extensive experience in the management of city, village, and country schools, with very uniform success, led to a confident expectation that the school would march straight to the front rank in the schools of the

town. The closing examination gave proof of careful preparation, patient and thorough drill, and was instructive and entertaining to the many friends present.

Fall Term taught by Mr. D. A. Stiles, who had taught the same school several terms before. Your committee visited it only at the close. It was thought unnecessary to have a formal examination, but the term will have a place by itself in the history of the district, and in the recollection of the teacher, the pupils and the parents.

Winter Term taught by the same teacher. An effort was made, with the co-operation of many of the parents and the committee, to secure obedience on the part of the pupils to such rules as would secure order and quiet application to study in the school-room. Marked success attended the effort. The closing examination, while showing diminished numbers from various causes, most of them unavoidable, indicated that close application to study and rapid advancement in the studies pursued, were the rule and not the exceptions in the school.

Union district No. 4 with No. 5 of Bennington, has been under the supervision of the Bennington Superintending School Committee.

DISTRICTS NOS. 5 & 8.

Prudential Committee, D. W. Flynn.

The one term in this district was taught by Miss Emma J. Nahor. Miss Nahor is no stranger to the schoolroom, or the arduous work that pertains to it. The teacher and the pupils have, indeed, done them-

selves and the town honor by the faithful and successful work done, by the constant attendance, close application, and quiet, respectful demeanor toward each other, the teacher, and all visiting friends. If anyone doubts whether *order* pays in a school, they should have heard the recitations at the closing examination of this school.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Prudential Committee, William Story.

Summer Term taught by Miss Emma A. Burnham. A first experience in teaching. With her sum total of five scholars, she must have learned something of the monotony of school life; but with a zeal and perseverance worthy of a wider sphere of influence, she developed those traits and qualities which characterize a successful teacher. The scholars did their part well.

Winter Term taught by Newell J. Sawyer. With the number of pupils increased to nine, some of them advanced so as to take the "higher branches," with a teacher competent and faithful, and pupils studious and obedient, all the classes made commendable progress in their studies.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Prudential Committee, F. A. Blanchard.

Summer Term taught by Miss Eva M. Fletcher. As a teacher she has an established reputation as an active, earnest, hard working instructor. The amount and variety of useful knowledge imparted during the term was very gratifying. The only jar in the school, and the loss of one of her most advanced pupils, was

the result of her residence in the district and her sisterly relations to some of her pupils—her misfortune, not her fault. We regard the term as a successful one.

Winter Term taught by Miss Emma R. Smith. The district that secures her services is to be congratulated beforehand. It is sufficient praise to say that her labors in the schoolroom, during this term, were as successful, and as highly appreciated by the school, and by parents and others in the district, as they have been in the same and other districts when and where she has taught before. The pupils made excellent progress in their studies.

ROLL OF HONOR

District No. 1—Hattie M. Draper.

District No. 2, { Addie M. Blanchard,
Charlie M. Holt.

The above have been through the entire year, the first of three terms, twenty-four weeks, the two last, two terms, eighteen weeks, without being absent or tardy. In No. 1, Charles A. Reynolds, Rosa M. Lowe, Allie P. Lowe, Lu A. Butler and Lillia M. Butler, went through two terms, fourteen weeks, with like honor. For the number not absent for one term, see statistics.

REMARKS.

The prudential committees of the various districts deserve the gratitude of the parents of school children throughout the town. Their selections of teachers have generally been made with great care, and only those have been accepted whose experience and success elsewhere, seemed to be sufficient guaranty that the school money would be well expended.

All that has been done to secure to a greater extent uniformity in text books, has been to advise and urge the purchase, by those who had not previously obtained them, of the various series introduced by my predecessor. I cannot forbear to remark here that I think the "fish and game" of the State can well afford to wait for further legislation, while our legislators perfect a statute under which the State Board of Education can secure uniformity of text books throughout the State, and the uniformity of the very best books. Maps of New Hampshire have been furnished to each of the districts above reported, at an expense of thirty dollars. A copy of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, new and revised edition, with supplement, has been furnished the school in Dist. No. 3, from the proceeds of an exhibition given by the school at the close of the winter term, one year ago. For this the school is indebted to the kindness and forethought of their teacher, Mr. D. A. Stiles.

Beside the school money reported in the statistics, nine dollars has been paid to one of the districts in Hancock, for tuition of children whose residence is in District No. 8 of this town.

The above account of the progress and present condition of the schools, together with the following page of statistics, is

Respectfully submitted.

S. H. PARTRIDGE,

Superintending School Committee.

Greenfield, N. H., March 1, 1880.

STATISTICS.

Districts.		NAMES OF TEACHERS.	RESIDENCE.	Wages per month.	Number of weeks.	Number of scholars.	Average attendance.	Number not absent.	Visits by S. S. Com.	Visits by Prud. Com.	Visits by citizens.	Cost per scholar.	Amount of school money.
1	1	Summer Schools.											
2	2	Lizzie M. Cummings.	Lyndeborough.	\$14 00	8 13 12	9	9	2	2	16	16		
3	3	Rosa F. Colburn....	Francestown....	*8 00	7 18 17 $\frac{1}{2}$	6	2	2	2	14	37		
7	7	Lucie S. Stiles.....	Mont Vernon...	22 00	8 46 41	2	2	2	2	9	9		
10	10	Emma A. Burnham...	Francestown...	10 00	9 5 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	2	2	2	6	6		
		Eva M. Fletcher.....	Greenfield	18 00	7 16 13 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	2	2	2				
		Fall & Winter Schools.											
1	1	Lizzie M. Cummings.	Lyndeborough.	14 00	6 17 16 $\frac{3}{4}$	5	2	2	2	12	12	†	
2	2	Mary Campbell.....	New Boston....	16 00	10 22 21	4	2	2	2	15	\$5 16	\$	92 99
3	3	S. E. McLane.....	New Boston....	23 00	11 19 18 $\frac{1}{2}$	7	2	2	2	22	3 33		60 00
4	4	D. A. Stiles.....	Francestown.	40 00	10 46 38	2	2	2	2	7	7		
5	5	D. A. Stiles.....	Francestown.	50 00	10 35 31	2	2	2	2	1 15	6 21		323 04
6	6	Emma J. Nahor.....	Peterboro'	26 00	12 29 20 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	2	2	2	29	2 85		27 69
7	7	Newell J. Sawyer...	Greenfield	18 00	12 9 7 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	2	2	2	11	8 90		81 74
10	10	Emma R. Smith....	Peterboro'	21 00	10 14 12 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	2	2	2	2	3 96		80 12
													86 49

* Probably some error in the teacher's return.

† These items do not include the full cost where board and fuel have been given—only the cost to the town.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1880.

Assessed upon the Polls and Estates of Residents, and upon the Estates of Non-Residents in the town of Greenfield, for the year 1879,

\$4742 71

MONEY RECEIVED.

Received of taxes assessed 1879,	\$3886 96
For dog tax for 1879,	19 00
Interest on taxes for 1879,	6 50
Taxes on list of 1874,	22 77
Taxes on list of 1875,	11 28
Taxes on list of 1876,	37 97
Taxes on list of 1877,	29 14
Taxes on list of 1878,	876 42
Dog tax on list of 1878,	16 00
Interest on list of 1878,	10 42
G. W. Cummings, for New Hampshire reports,	49 00
For use of hay scales,	15 05
For use of town house in 1878,	8 00
For use of town house in 1879,	6 50
For use of pasture in 1879,	7 00
For lumber,	3 00
By note,	24 00
Savings bank tax,	512 87
Railroad tax,	43 56
Literary fund,	51 61
Treasurer for 1878,	255 12—\$5877 18

AMOUNT PAID OUT FOR BREAKING ROADS IN 1879.

Paid John Cain,	\$ 1 00
W. D. Hardy,	6 00
Levi Dodge,	4 56
Jacob Savage,	5 62
James Beazley,	2 55
T. D. Lakin,	2 25
James Shea,	1 75
James T. Robertson,	5 62
George Damuth,	2 27
D. W. Flynn,	5 88
F. A. Blanchard,	10 34
G. P. Holt,	6 88
A. M. Whittemore,	4 75
G. W. Grimes,	9 58
Levi S. Holt,	2 25
R. A. Dutton,	6 00
D. R. Gould,	4 71
James L. Downing,	1 50
J. C. P. Draper,	60

G. W. Wood,	7 00
S. G. Hartshorn,	6 50
L. Bailey,	1 00
I. B. Farrington,	1 09
L. B. Hardy,	4 00
H. Cudworth,	5 00
B. W. Hardy,	2 00
James Shea,	2 43
G. W. French,	6 66
Mark Rogers,	6 00
W. W. Wilson,	1 15
G. W. French,	4 38
N. Russell & Son,	11 50
Wm. Munhall,	1 00
D. W. Burnham,	30 01
James Lewis,	5 70
S. G. Hartshorn,	17 12
C. S. Lowe,	9 50
J. C. P. Draper,	3 00
J. L. Fish,	1 85
Wm. L. Savage,	13 35
H. S. Lowe,	4 00
John F. Savage,	1 74
James Sawyer,	1 00
R. Blanchard,	9 75—\$240 84

AMOUNT PAID FOR REPAIRING HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES:

Paid Patrick Cashion,	\$ 1 57
Levi Brenett,	1 00
John L. Fish,	40
John Cain,	8 13
F. A. Blanchard,	7 65
Charles E. Blanchard,	11 25
G. W. Grimes,	15 87
R. A. Dutton,	4 88
H. S. Lowe,	15 12
J. C. P. Draper,	4 43
G. W. Wood,	2 00
J. R. Russell,	7 90
L. Bailey,	11 18
H. Cudworth,	3 13
Wm. Savage,	10 47
George W. French,	15 63
John H. Reynolds,	26 87
B. F. Jaquith,	1 00
C. H. Hopkins, lumber for Dennis bridge,	30 98
C. B. Wallace,	30 88
James Lewis,	43 50
Elbridge Wilson,	5 08
Charles W. Carl,	24 25
J. E. King,	10 39
James Shea,	5 38
F. M. Spofford,	3 75
A. A. Burt,	5 50
S. G. Hartshorn,	17 48
C. B. Wallace,	23 50
G. A. Dunclee,	5 50
C. S. Lowe,	11 50
Robert Blanchard,	10 00
Frank Grimes,	1 60
Blanchard, Fletcher & Savage,	1 50
I. B. Farrington, snowing bridge,	3 15—\$382 42

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid G. D. Pollard, work on cemetery,	2 00
C. B. Wallace, care of street lamps,	8 25
Frank Brooks, blacksmith work	2 52
John L. Fish, watering place,	3 00
John C. Fish, police service,	2 00
W. D. Hardy, police service,	2 00
C. B. Wallace, care of hall,	5 00
Savage & Lewis, for plow, etc.,	9 42
Earle Searls, labor on street lamps,	2 75
Merriam Burnham, watering place,	3 00
E. C. Richardson, repairing scales,	11 00
E. C. Richardson, clerk service,	20 00
E. C. Richardson, store goods,	5 37
R. Bradford & Co., store goods,	12 31
James H. Brooks, watering place,	3 00
C. A. Wilson, repairing town house,	50
G. E. Bailey, repairing town house,	2 25
J. H. Reynolds, on cemetery,	1 50
G. H. Putnam, watering place,	3 00
L. Bailey, watering place,	3 00
James Sawyer, overseer of poor,	15 00
J. F. Brennan, cemetery work,	9 00
R. Patch, tolling bell,	2 00
J. R. Russell, collecting taxes in 1878,	60 00
S. H. Partridge, superintending school committee,	30 00
S. H. Partridge, returning births and deaths,	6 00
S. H. Partridge, drawing plan of cemetery,	5 00
C. H. Hopkins, services as selectman,	60 00
John H. Reynolds, services as selectman,	60 00
Levi S. Holt, services as selectman,	50 00
G. W. Gould, damage on highway,	35 00
M. V. B. Greene, stationery,	4 92
W. W. Wright, damage on highway,	5 00
F. H. Turrell, damage on highway,	25 00
John H. Reynolds, expense to Nashua,	2 00
G. P. Holt, damage on plow,	4 50
S. M. Buck, painting cemetery fence,	51 25
Farnum & Scott, printing reports,	18 00
Charles H. Hopkins, paint stock,	63 00
Dr. S. M. Dinsmoor, returning births and deaths,	1 00
J. A. Cline, for maps,	35 00
W. E. Downes, store goods,	8 05
Nathaniel Morrison, police,	2 00
S. H. Partridge, stationery,	1 25
Auditing committee for 1879,	2 00
Savage and Lewis, hardware,	2 00
H. H. Duncklee, watering place,	3 00
H. H. Duncklee, keeping six paupers,	4 00
Supervisors for 1880,	9 00
Robert Blanchard, wood for town house,	4 00
Levi S. Holt, labor on cemetery,	1 25
J. H. Reynolds, labor on cemetery,	1 25
John F. Savage, sawing wood,	1 25
F. C. Fletcher, journey to Concord,	5 00
F. C. Fletcher, services as Treasurer,	20 00
James Sawyer, expense of poor,	25 85— \$733 44

RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount received, \$5877 17

Paid out as follows :

State Tax,	\$808 00	
County Tax,	800 71	
School Orders,	856 14	
Notes and Interest,	1760 05	
Breaking Roads,	240 84	
Repairing Highways and Bridges,	382 42	
Miscellaneous Expenses,	733 44	
		\$5581 60

Balance in hands of Treasurer, \$295 57

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

Due on list of 1873,		\$ 5 73
Due on list of 1874,		30 00
Due on list of 1875,	\$12 49	

With the following abatements :

Myron Magoon,	1 56—		10 93
Due on tax list of 1876,		57 71	

With the following abatements :

Mrs. M. A. Spofford, over tax,	3 51		
Charles S. White,	1 71—	5 22—	52 49

Due on list of 1877,	15 25	
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With the following abatements :

James Clinton,	1 75		
John C. Wallace,	1 75		
Horace E. Holt,	1 75—	5 25—	10 00

Due on tax list of 1878 :	43 58	
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With the following abatements :

Alonzo P. Bailey,	1 60
Hiram S. Bailey,	1 60
Thaddeus Barker,	1 60
John O'Brien,	1 60
Thomas Cain,	1 60
James Clinton,	1 60
James O'Connell,	1 60
Will F. Dane,	1 60
Jonathan Downing,	1 60
Freeman Ellsworth,	1 60
James Gribben,	1 60
Horace E. Holt,	1 60

Francis Hosmer,	1 60		
Peter King,	1 60		
Warren Robinson,	1 60		
Heirs of Miles Robinson,	86		
J. L. Swinnington,	1 60		
Andrew Smith,	1 60		
Columbus Scott,	1 60		
John C. Wallace,	1 60		
John Q. Wallace,	1 60	32 86	10 72

Due on list of 1879, 861 75

With the following abatements:

Blanchard, Fletcher & Savage,	7 76		
Harlon P. Holt,	3 42		
Ephraim Provo,	1 57	12. 75	849 00
			<u>968 87</u>

Amount of notes against the town, \$10,323. 24

Demands in favor of town:

Due on tax lists,	968 87		
Due from State, bounty on foxes and hawks,	25 60		
Due from United States,	558 00		
Amount in Treasurer's hands,	295 57		
			<u>\$1,848 04</u>
Balance against the town,			<u>\$8,475 20</u>

Respectfully submitted.

CHARLES H. HOPKINS,	} Selectmen of Greenfield.
JOHN H. REYNOLDS,	
LEVI S. HOLT,	

Your Committee have examined the foregoing reports of the Selectmen and find them correct.

JOHN FLETCHER,
EDWIN C. RICHARDSON.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Whole amount received,	\$5877 17
Paid Selectmen's orders,	5581 60
Balance in hands of Treasurer,	\$295 57

FRANKLIN C. FLETCHER, Town Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

Paid for clothing for Luke Felch,	\$13 94
Paid for clothing and books for Swinington boy,	3 91
Paid for board of Swinington boy,	8 00
	\$25 85
Received of Treasurer to balance account,	\$25 85

JAMES SAWYER, Overseer of the Poor.

